

a mirror unit disposed between said lens mount and said image taking device;  
and

a central main body member on which said lens mount and said image taking  
device are mounted and which is coupled to at least one of said front and rear chassis. --.

- 2. (Amended) A camera according to claim 1, wherein said central main body  
member is fixed to only said front chassis of said front and rear chassis. --.
- 3. (Amended) A camera according to claim 1, further comprising coupling members  
for coupling said front and rear chassis to each other. --.

Amend claims 5-11 as follows:

- 5. (Twice Amended) A camera according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a finder optical device mounted on said central main body member;  
wherein said mirror unit reflects an object light beam and guides the object  
light beam to said finder optical system. --.
- 6. (Twice Amended) A camera according to claim 5, wherein said finder optical  
device includes a focal plate serving as an imaging plane for the object light beam reflected by  
said mirror unit. --.
- 7. (Twice Amended) A camera according to claim 5, further comprising a focus  
detection device which is mounted on said central main body member and performs focus  
detection by using the object light beam from said mirror unit. --.
- 8. (Amended) A camera according to claim 1, wherein said front and rear chassis  
comprise metal parts. --.
- 9. (Amended) A camera according to claim 8, wherein said front and rear chassis are  
formed by pressing. --.